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If thou woud'st read a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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Will visit Pocahontas county at
least twice a year. The exact date
of his visit will appear in this
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Will practice throughout Poca-
hontas county.

Those needing his services will
please communicate by letter and
make appointments to suit con-
venience.

Bring your job, work to this
office.

MARLINTON

DR. J. H. WEYMOUTH WRITES
UP THE TOWN.

The Following is From the Randolph
Enterprise.

Situated on the south bank of
the Greenbrier river and at the
confluence of Knapp's creek,

which has its source in the Alle-
gheny mountains, is the pretty
town of Marlinton, the county
seat of Pocahontas, which in for-
mer days and before it even be-
came a village, was known as

Marlinton Bottom, which extended

from the mouth of Stony creek to

that of Knapp's, which consisted
of rich loamy soil, whose pro-
duction was equal to that of the
James river bottoms.

Pocahontas is one among the
old counties of the state, having

been formed about 1821 or 1822,
the name being connected with
the early history of Virginia.

The county seat was situated at
Huntersville, six miles south of
the present location, until a few
years ago, when by a vote of the
people it was removed to Marlinton,
and a large new court house and jail
have been erected.

While Pocahontas in the past
has been mostly an agricultural
and stock country, the advent of
the railroad has almost revolution-
ized the business of this staid old

county. Capital is being invested
on every hand, industries are
springing up and in a few years

will make it one of the wealthiest
and most prosperous counties in the
state, and yet there are still a few
old moss backs left, but very few,
who travel in the old beaten paths
of their grandfathers, who say
that railroads are no good to a
country.

A few years ago Col. John T.
McGraw, being associated with a
number of capitalists, invested

very largely in Pocahontas county
lands, notably at Marlinton, with
the prospect of the W. Va. & P.
Ry. being extended from Camden-
on-Gauley to Marlinton. His in-
vestment in large farms at the

place amounted to over \$100,000.
Although a route was surveyed
from Camden-on-Gauley up to
Willians river and down Stony
Creek to Marlinton by the engi-
neer corps under Capt. Harry, yet

not a shovel full of dirt was ever
thrown and the project finally ab-
andoned. Recently the C. & O.
R. extended their line from Ron-
converte to Durbin, which was

done through the influence and
energy of Col. John T. McGraw,
who had made too large an invest-
ment in Pocahontas to let it re-
main idle.

The people who had purchased
at Marlinton became discouraged
some sold out and went to other
points. Those who had faith and
knowing of the wealth lying dor-
mant in the rich forest of the

Upper Pocahontas valley abided
their time and are now reaping
the benefits of the development
which the construction of the rail-
road has brought about.

It had been about five years
since we had visited Pocahontas
county and were surprised as well
as pleased to note the great im-
provement that had taken place

in that time. Marlinton contains
land enough to build a large city.
The town which is owned by the

Pocahontas Development com-
pany, is laid off in broad avenues
running back from the river to
the foot hill near the court house

a distance of over a mile, and
extending several miles up and
down the river. The railroad

crosses Knapp's creek near where
it empties into the Greenbrier and
passes through the centre of the
town. Near the business portion

of the town the C. & O. R. have
erected a commodious passenger
depot, in which are located the
telegraph and freight department.

Many fine residences have been
erected as well as some of the
most substantial business block.

There are two churches Presby-
terian and M. E. Church South, as

well as several large mercantile
establishments. The hotel ac-
commodations are not what they
should be for a town like Marlinton
while accommodations can be
offered at ordinary terms, yet

when the Court is in session the
crowd is too large for the present
number of hotels. The town did
have a very commodious hotel in
what is now the business part of

the town but unfortunately that
was destroyed by fire a few years
ago.

Marlinton has enterprising men
of means, who would find the
erection of a large and commo-
dious hotel not only an ornament
to the town but a paying invest-
ment.

The town has two papers, The
Pocahontas Times and The Mar-
linton Messenger, the former
democratic and the latter republi-
can, both of which wield consid-
erable influence in the affairs of

the county. The Times was es-
tablished 22 years ago by H. B.
Marshall and J. B. Canfield, the
press and material being hauled
overland from Beverly to Hun-
tersville. The Price Bros. are

now the proprietors, with our
friend Andrew Price as editor,
who is ably assisted by his vener-
able father, Rev. W. T. Price,

who is an able writer and who
has done much for the material
good of his native county and
his grandfather had been wonder-
ing why I was so long coming
and had about given up looking
for me. It was very agreeable
to hear that Messrs. Wash Hill and

Tom Sydenstricker aided by many
lady friends had arranged for a
picnic in the Kennison woods for

Saturday Oct. 30th, in honour of
the two Hillsboro Sunday Schools.

In the morning I was borne in
princely style to the picnic grounds
in Tom Sydenstricker's surrey, driv-
en by Mrs. Blanche Sydenstricker

accompanied by her sister, Mrs.
Grace Price of Marlinton and
their four little daughters, Anne,
Mary, Agnes and Margaret.

The carriage stopped at the edge
of the woods and a tramp of three
or four hundred yards was to be
made by the party. I started out

with valise and umbrella in my
right hand, and a luscious pound-
cake under my left arm but was

relieved of the cake before I had
gone very far by sympathetic
helpful friends. Upon reaching
the appointed place I found there
would be ample time for a solitary
stroll towards the forest crowned
summit of the Kempson hill at
whose base the picnic arrange-
ments were in progress, tables

were arranged in a hollow square.
The provisions were stored in the
inclosure thus made and it was
also occupied by those persons
who attended to spreading the
dinner.

As I strolled up the hill and
looked out upon the charming
panorama displayed that ideal
morning, I found as I so often
do, time nor space are available

to tell the story of her brief life
her lingering illness and how sweetly
she breathed her spirit away just as the sun
seemed to linger above the leafy
crests of the hills, so close at
hand as it all ought to be re-
hearsed. The shadows of eve-
ning closed rapidly around me
and by the time I reached the
uplands day had gone and the

moon and evening star in close
proximity were blending their
serene and scintillating beams
while beautifully proclaiming to
the Little Levels the hand that

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Mistaking the grove near
Squire Curry's for the orchard I
was aiming for that surrounding
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We are glad to note the pros-
perity that is prevailing not only

along the line of the railroad but
sections remote from it, for there
is no county in the state whose

kindness and hospitality is more
genuine and lavish than it is among

the people of good old

times. The next time Major
Harris, of whom we well know,

WAYSIDE NOTES

A CONTINUANCE OF THE PRESBYTERIAL TRIP.

At the Joint Sunday School Picnic
In the Levels.

Finally the time to leave Fall-
ing Springs, with its kind people
and suggestive historic associa-
tions, arrived and preparations

made for returning to our respec-
tive homes.

Blessed is the tie that binds
the hearts of men as one in chil-
dren love, when thus bound the
fellowship of such minds is like

to that we are hoping for beyond
the anxious and corroding pres-
ent. To notice the christian
brethren clasp their parting hands

and listen to their kind words of
farewell, hoping and wishing that
God would ever be with us all,
whether meeting again in his

earthly courts or at the feet of
Jesus, inspires an assured hope
that there is something good in
store for our common humanity.

Marlinton is bound to prosper
as it has energetic business men
with the vim to encourage every
legitimate enterprise.

Marlinton like other portions of
Pocahontas county was the scene
of stirring events during the Civil
War. The greater portion of its

people being ultra Southern in
their sentiments espoused that
cause and furnished many troops
to the Southern army, while some

entered the Federal army. One
of the most hotly contested bat-
tles of this section took place on
Drop Mountain 20 miles south of

Marlinton. It was here and at
Huntersville that the noted chief-
tain Gen. R. E. Lee in the latter

part of 1861 assembled his forces
previous to their march to Valley
Mountain. Many of his troops

being from the South could not
stand the climate and succumbed to
measles and other diseases. The

remains of many being buried
where they died, while others were
taken to their Sunny South.

About 25 are buried near Marlinton
and some 20 near Edray on
the premises of Mr. Geo. P.
Moore. While no monument

marks their last resting place, it
was regarded as one very super-
ior person intellectually and per-
sonally. Time nor space are available

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